

**“Blessed: Good Grief” – Matthew 5:4
June 13, 2010**

REVIEW: “Blessing” – the pleasures of God that satisfy the soul.

“Poor in spirit” – Declare spiritual bankruptcy and have your debts canceled!

Today’s TEXT: Matt. 5:4 *“Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.”*

Today’s Message: Good grief is where love and loss live together in hope.

“Grief is proof that love is more powerful than death.”
Erwin McManus

I. Jesus came to:

- A. Experience grief and sympathize – Heb. 4:15-16
- B. Bring comfort and send the “comforter” – Matt. 11:28
- C. Conquer death and bring hope – 1Thes. 4:13-14
- D. Show us how to comfort others – 2 Cor. 1:3-4

II. The order of the Beatitudes reveals how sin grieves the heart of God – Ps. 51

A. We must mourn our “spiritual bankruptcy” above all.
2 Cor. 7:10 *“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”*

II. The message of the Beatitudes reveals the purposes of God.

Romans 8: 28 *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

So grieve loss and invite the Holy Spirit to be your comforter.

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DNA Discussion Guide**

Opening Prayer: Open our eyes and ears to the kingdom of God so we might be transformed.

Getting Acquainted:

1. What do you think of the saying, “It’s better to have loved and lost, than to never have loved at all.”
2. What losses have you experienced in your life? How did you grieve them? What helped, and what did not help?

Digging Deeper:

3. Why does the kingdom of heaven seem so upside down?
4. Pastor Stan talked about “good grief” as a place where love and loss live together in hope. What has been your experience with these elements during times of loss?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to talk about mourning right after being poor in spirit? What does mourning and grief over sin look like? When was the last time you were grieved over your sin, or the sin of someone else?
6. Read 2 Cor. 7:10 and discuss godly sorrow.
7. Read portions of David’s grieved over sin. (Ps. 51)
8. Where have you seen loss redeemed into something that glorified God, and was used for your good? Rom. 8:28
9. What kind of comfort do you think Jesus is talking about?
10. In what specific ways have you been comforted by others?
11. In what specific ways have you shown comfort to others that really seemed to help them?

Application: What one thing will you do in response to God’s word this week?